



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Kindness is the greatest wisdom." ~ Author Unknown

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Quality Assurance Intern or Volunteer

Do you have an interest in administration, supervising, fact-finding, or human services? LIFE Designs Inc. is seeking an intern/volunteer to assist the Quality Assurance Director with maintaining records and assessing reports. The intern will gain exposure and develop skills that easily translate to all sectors. A minimum commitment of five hours per week for the remainder of the semester is necessary, excluding Thanksgiving and final exam week. Successful applicants will be able to learn quickly, work independently, and have strong attention to detail. Schedule is flexible. Minimum age is 18. Please send resume to Stephanie Shelton at support@lifedesignsinc.org. (www.lifedesignsinc.org)

Great Bloomington Pumpkin Launch - Nov. 1

Fall has definitely arrived when pumpkins fly through the sky at the Monroe County Fairgrounds during The Great Bloomington Pumpkin Launch on Nov. 1. Teams have built pumpkin-launching devices and spectators bring chairs or blankets to watch the fun! There will also be a pumpkin seed spitting contest, children's activities, live music, and tasty eats! Five volunteers are needed for each shift for parking, registration, competition supervision, pumpkin tasting, and seed spitting booths. Shifts are from either 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or noon-3:30 p.m. Minimum age is 16. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/GreatPumpkinLaunch> or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Buskirk-Chumley Theater Street Team

The Buskirk-Chumley Theater Street Team spreads the word about their events by distributing posters for nationally-known performers. Volunteers cover specific sections of town, are provided with a list of posting locations, and post 10-12 times per year. This is a great opportunity for those who need a flexible schedule or who want to learn more about their community. Two rounds of posterage earns you a complimentary ticket to the show of your choice, dependent on availability. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Regine Richter-McClain at (812) 323-3020 or volunteer@buskirkchumley.org. (www.buskirkchumley.org)

Repack Assistants

As part of the Meal Share Program of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, small groups and individuals repackage prepared foods that were donated by local restaurants, catering companies and cafeterias. This food was held at the proper temperature prior to donation and was never served on a plate. 'Repack' occurs Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 5:30-7 p.m. Sign up your group for a once-a-month commitment (i.e. first Friday of the month) or go just once! Minimal training will occur at arrival. Due to health and safety issues, only volunteers over 12 years of age are welcomed. Please contact Ryan Jochim at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Free Community Tax Service

If you enjoy both helping others and working with numbers, the Free Community Tax Service is a great volunteer opportunity for you! They are now recruiting volunteers to serve as tax preparers for the 2015 tax season to complete simple 1040 or 1040-EZ tax returns for taxpayers and answer their questions, all while maintaining confidentiality. Bilingual individuals are also needed to volunteer as tax preparers. This service gives low and moderate-income taxpayers access to free tax information and assistance in the electronic filing of their federal and state tax returns. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Ashley Schoolman, United Way of Monroe County, at aschoolman@monroeunitedway.org or (812) 334-8370. (www.financialstabilityalliance.org/freetaxes.html)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Community Justice & Mediation Center

A nonprofit community agency healing harm caused by conflict and crime since 1980. To grant a wish, contact Susan Burton at cjam@cjamcenter.org or (812) 336-8677. (205 S. Walnut St.; www.cjamcenter.org)

Wishes: desk-top computer, color printer that can print envelopes, large rectangular or oval table, holiday decorations for office, Christmas cards for volunteers, credit card machine

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

